

§ 225.19 Primary groups of accidents/incidents.

(a) For reporting purposes reportable railroad accidents/incidents are divided into three groups:

- Group I—Highway-Rail Grade Crossing;
- Group II—Rail Equipment;
- Group III—Death, Injury and Occupational Illness.

(b) *Group I—Highway-rail grade crossing.* Each highway-rail grade crossing accident/incident must be reported to the FRA on Form FRA F 6180.57, regardless of the extent of damages or whether a casualty occurred. In addition, whenever a highway-rail grade crossing accident/incident results in damages greater than the current reporting threshold to railroad on-track equipment, signals, track, track structures, or roadbed, that accident/incident shall be reported to the FRA on Form FRA F 6180.54. For reporting purposes, damages include labor costs and all other costs to repair or replace in kind damaged on-track equipment, signals, track, track structures, or roadbed, but do not include the cost of clearing a wreck.

(c) *Group II—Rail Equipment.* Rail equipment accidents/incidents are collisions, derailments, fires, explosions, acts of God, or other events involving the operation of railroad on-track equipment, signals, track, track equipment (standing or moving) that result in damages greater than the current reporting threshold (*i.e.* \$6,300 for calendar years 1991 through 1996, \$6,500 for calendar year 1997, and \$6,600 for calendar year 1998) to railroad on-track equipment, signals, tracks, track structures, or roadbed, including labor costs and the costs for acquiring new equipment and material. Each rail equipment accident/incident must be reported to the FRA on Form FRA F 6180.54. If the property of more than one railroad is involved in an accident/incident, the reporting threshold is calculated by including the damages suffered by all of the railroads involved. See § 225.23, Joint Operations. The reporting threshold will be reviewed periodically and will be adjusted every year.

(d) *Group III—Death, injury, or occupational illness.* Each event arising from

the operation of a railroad shall be reported on Form FRA F 6180.55a if it results in:

- (1) Death to any person;
- (2) Injury to any person that requires medical treatment;
- (3) Injury to a railroad employee that results in:
 - (i) A day away from work;
 - (ii) Restricted work activity or job transfer; or
 - (iii) Loss of consciousness; or
- (4) Occupational illness of a railroad employee.

(e) The reporting threshold is \$6,300 for calendar years 1991 through 1996. The reporting threshold is \$6,500 for calendar year 1997; this threshold dollar amount will remain in effect until December 31, 1997. For calendar year 1998 the reporting threshold is \$6,600. The procedure for determining the reporting threshold for calendar year 1998 appears as appendix B to part 225.

(Secs. 11144 and 11145, Subtitle IV of Title 49 (49 U.S.C. 11144 and 11145); secs. 1 and 6, Accident Reports Act (45 U.S.C. 431 and 437); sec. 6(e) and (f), Department of Transportation Act (49 U.S.C. 1655(e) and (f)); sec. 1.49(g) and (m), regulations of the Office of the Secretary of Transportation (49 CFR 1.49(g) and (m))

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§ 225.21 Forms.

The following forms and copies of the FRA Guide for Preparing Accident/Incident Reports may be obtained from the Office of Safety, FRA, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590.

(a) *Form FRA F 6180.54—Rail Equipment Accident/Incident Report.* Form FRA F 6180.54 shall be used to report each reportable rail equipment accident/incident which occurred during the preceding month.

(b) *Form FRA F 6180.55—Railroad Injury and Illness Summary.* Form FRA F 6180.55 must be filed each month, even though no reportable accident/incident occurred during the month covered. Each report must include an oath or verification, made by the proper officer of the reporting railroad, as provided